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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	Vrba
Application No.:	10/807733
Filed:	March 24, 2004
For:	Balloon Expandable Stent with a Self-Expanding Portion
Examiner:	Suzette Jaime J Gherbi
Group Art Unit:	3731

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Amendment

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated February 9, 2006.

If an extension of time is required to make this response timely and no separate petition is enclosed, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time sufficient to make the response timely. In the event that this response requires the payment of government fees and payment is not enclosed, please charge Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

Please amend the application as follows: